

Date: December 10, 2015
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: Willard City Hall, 80 W 50 S, Willard, UT 84340
Attendance: Mayor Kenneth Braegger, Council members Robert Beebe, Del Fredde, Michelle Mund, Mike Crossley and Josh Braegger, Recorder Teri Fellenz, City Planner Bryce Wheelwright, Planning Commission Chairperson Terry Ross, Commissioners: Gary Hart, Chandler Bingham, Leslie Myer, John Seamons and Sid Bodily, Planning Commission Secretary Gaylene Nebeker, and City Attorney Kevin McGaha.

Excused:

Others: (see attached for others)

1. Call to Order

The Willard City Council and Willard City Planning Commission held a joint Work Session on December 10, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. The joint Work Session was held at the request of Joel Murray for discussion on the possibility of changing the Willard City Land Use Ordinance for the purpose to allow a Conditional Use Permit for parcel 02-055-0016 located at approximately 1025 South Main for rock products loading and staging. The proposal would also require an excavation permit that would allow extensive excavation of gravel and a request to sell the gravel from the sight.

Mayor Braegger opened the meeting. Aaron Robertson of Rexburg, Idaho was present and stated he has been working with Joel Murray over the last year on a parcel that was de-annexed from the City and a permit for excavation of gravel has been obtained from the County. He explained his history in the gravel pit business and work on gravel pits in Idaho. He explained they can operate in the top portion but would like to have mining activities in the lower portion and stated there would be excavation no matter what development takes place. Mr. Robertson stated he is representing Mr. Murray's property rights and his own interests in the property. He said he understands Willard does not like gravel pits and wanted to meet with the elected and appointed officials that represent the citizens. He also mentioned they could go for de-annexation of the property.

Discussions were held on dust, traffic and noise as well as the looks of a gravel pit. Mr. Robertson stated the Granite Peaks was a gravel pit at one time and there are not any complaints about it.

Additional discussion was held on what value there might be to the community in the form of revenue.

Mr. Robertson stated they are not a Parsons or Geneva There would be some limitations including a high power gas line that goes through the property. He again discussed the possibility of de-annexation.

Planning Commission Chairperson Ross stated he felt a subdivision would be a better product for the community. Additional discussion was held on the gravel pits in the area and that there would be numerous changes to the current zoning code that would be required to allow for a gravel pit. The ongoing discussion of annexation by South Willard was also discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Minutes were read individually and approved on January 14, 2016.